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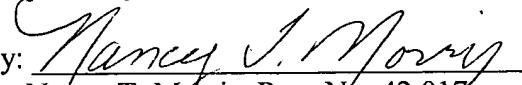
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.31, Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the examiner in a final Office Action, dated August 1, 2006, finally rejecting claims 15-42 and 54 of the application. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$250 as payment of the notice of appeal fee.

Submitted concurrently with this Notice of Appeal is a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review.

Acknowledgement of receipt is respectfully requested.

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